# **Real Estate Fraud**

#### **DESCRIPTION OF MAJOR SERVICES**

On January 23, 1996, the Board of Supervisors adopted Resolution 96-14 to allow the county to collect, pursuant to Government Code Section 27388, a \$2 fee upon recording documents. These monies, in accordance with state law, are used to fund the Real Estate Fraud unit that investigates and prosecutes real estate fraud crimes in the county.

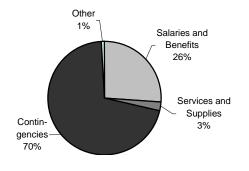
## **BUDGET AND WORKLOAD HISTORY**

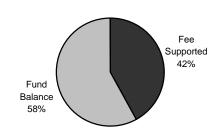
|                      | Actual    | Budget    | Actual    | Budget    |
|----------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
|                      | 2003-04   | 2004-05   | 2004-05   | 2005-06   |
| Appropriation        | 736,799   | 2,850,865 | 1,004,667 | 3,735,507 |
| Departmental Revenue | 1,529,895 | 1,200,000 | 1,521,220 | 1,563,315 |
| Fund Balance         |           | 1,650,865 |           | 2,172,192 |
| Budgeted Staffing    |           | 8.0       |           | 8.0       |

Actual expenditures are less than budgeted appropriation due to no contingencies being expended. 2005-06 appropriation is increasing due to increases in salaries and benefits and contingencies.

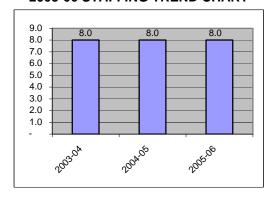
#### 2005-06 BREAKDOWN BY EXPENDITURE AUTHORITY

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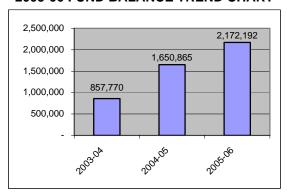




## 2005-06 STAFFING TREND CHART



## 2005-06 FUND BALANCE TREND CHART



This special revenue fund balance is growing, as revenue is currently outpacing expenses; and all revenue received is restricted for the prosecution of real estate fraud. Although the department added an additional attorney on a full time basis in 2003-04, the department is committed to reviewing this unit in 2005-06 to determine if additional staff is warranted.



GROUP: Law & Justice
DEPARTMENT: District Attorney
FUND: Real Estate Fraud

BUDGET UNIT: REB DAT FUNCTION: Public Safety ACTIVITY: Real Estate Fraud

2005-06

|                         | 2004-05   | 2004-05      | 2005-06<br>Board Approved | Board Approved<br>Changes to | 2005-06      |
|-------------------------|-----------|--------------|---------------------------|------------------------------|--------------|
|                         | Actuals   | Final Budget | Base Budget               | Base Budget                  | Final Budget |
| <u>Appropriation</u>    |           |              | _                         |                              |              |
| Salaries and Benefits   | 880,196   | 859,426      | 919,423                   | 50,137                       | 969,560      |
| Services and Supplies   | 83,902    | 106,307      | 107,814                   | (7,232)                      | 100,582      |
| Central Computer        | 3,945     | -            | 5,576                     | -                            | 5,576        |
| Transfers               | 36,624    | 34,786       | 34,786                    | (859)                        | 33,927       |
| Contingencies           |           | 1,850,346    | 1,850,346                 | 775,516                      | 2,625,862    |
| Total Appropriation     | 1,004,667 | 2,850,865    | 2,917,945                 | 817,562                      | 3,735,507    |
| Departmental Revenue    |           |              |                           |                              |              |
| State, Fed or Gov't Aid | 1,809     | -            | -                         | -                            | -            |
| Current Services        | 1,519,411 | 1,200,000    | 1,200,000                 | 363,315                      | 1,563,315    |
| Total Revenue           | 1,521,220 | 1,200,000    | 1,200,000                 | 363,315                      | 1,563,315    |
| Fund Balance            |           | 1,650,865    | 1,717,945                 | 454,247                      | 2,172,192    |
| Budgeted Staffing       |           | 8.0          | 8.0                       | -                            | 8.0          |

DEPARTMENT: District Attorney FUND: Real Estate Fraud BUDGET UNIT: REB DAT

#### BOARD APPROVED CHANGES TO BASE BUDGET

|    |   | Budgeted             |               | Departmental |              |  |  |
|----|---|----------------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|--|--|
|    | Brief Description of Board Approved Changes   | Staffing             | Appropriation | Revenue      | Fund Balance |  |  |
| 1. | Increase Salaries and Benefits  | -                    | 50,137        | -            | 50,137       |  |  |
|    | Increased costs for benefits and step increases.  |                      |               |              |              |  |  |
| 2. | Decrease Service and Supplies   | -                    | (7,232)       | -            | (7,232)      |  |  |
|    | Reduce operating expenses to allow for direct billing of ISD 2410 charges and to count budget unit for 2410 charges. In prior years, charges were billed to the DA's generabilling of the 2410 charges is reflected in "Cost to Maintain Current Program Services". | al fund budget and d |               |              |              |  |  |
| 3. | Decrease Transfers  | -                    | (859)         | -            | (859)        |  |  |
|    | Reduction in transfer for rent based on recalculation of actual space occupied by u   | nit staff.           |               |              |              |  |  |
| 4. | Increase Contingenices  | -                    | 775,516       | -            | 775,516      |  |  |
|    | Real Estate recording fees in the county continue at record pace because of thriving economy. Revenue coming in outpaces expenses of the unit allowing for an increase in contingencies of \$808,338. Money placed in contingencies require Board approval to use.  |                      |               |              |              |  |  |
| ** | Final Budget Adjustment - Fund Balance<br>Decrease in Contingencies of (\$32,822) due to a lower fund balance than anti   | cipated.             |               |              |              |  |  |
|    | Total   |                      | 817,562       | 363,315      | 454,247      |  |  |

<sup>\*\*</sup> Final Budget Adjustments were approved by the Board after the proposed budget was submitted.

